## CITY OF SPOKANE

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day, observed annually on August 31, is a global campaign to raise awareness of overdose, reduce the stigma of substance use-related deaths, and acknowledge the grief of families and friends left behind; and

WHEREAS, Spokane continues to be impacted by the overdose crisis, and prevention, education, and compassionate response are essential to saving lives and supporting healing in our community; and

WHEREAS, the West Spokane Wellness Partnership has initiated this local recognition to encourage reflection, promote awareness, honor the lives lost, and promote ongoing, community-driven evidence-based efforts to prevent substance misuse and overdose:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2025 as

## INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

in Spokane and call upon all residents to honor this day by remembering whose we have lost, supporting those affected, and working together toward a future free from overdose.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane, do hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Spokane to be affixed this 18th day of August 2025.

Lisa Brown

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Mayor